

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-84 and 94-146 are cancelled.

85. (currently amended) An apparatus for backlighting an object with varying colors of light, said apparatus comprising:

a power supply;

a first plurality of individual light sources each capable of emitting a distinct color of light;

a micro-processor capable of controlling the intensity of each of the first plurality of individual light sources;

a base member positioned over the first plurality of individual light sources, the base member having a first portion configured and dimensioned for removably receiving the object; and

whereby the color of light ~~viewed on~~ backlighting the object may be varied by instructing the micro-processor to alter the intensity of each of the first plurality of individual lights.

86. (original) The apparatus of claim 85 wherein the first plurality of individual light sources comprise LEDs.

87. (original) The apparatus of claim 86 wherein the LEDs comprise a red LED, a green LED and a blue LED.

88. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 85 wherein the ~~object~~ base member is part of a button or key, said button or key actuating a switch controlling an electrical device.

89. (original) The apparatus of claim 88 wherein the first plurality of individual light sources comprises two or more LEDs chosen from the group comprising a red LED, a blue LED, and a green LED.

90. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 89 wherein the color of light ~~viewed on the button or key~~ backlighting the object is dependent upon the status of the electrical device controlled by the switch.

91. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 89 wherein the color of light ~~viewed on the button or key~~ backlighting the object is dependent upon an input selected from the group consisting essentially of the time of day and an input from a light sensor.

92. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 89 wherein the intensity ~~color~~ of light ~~viewed on the button or key~~ backlighting the object is dependent upon an input selected from

the group consisting essentially of the time of day and an input
from a light sensor.

93. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 89 further comprising a second plurality of individual light sources, said second plurality of individual light sources also illuminating at least a portion of the object ~~button or key~~.

147. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 further comprising a lens for covering the object.

148. (new) The apparatus of claim 147 wherein said lens and base member couple together using a snap fit.

149. (new) The apparatus of claim 148 wherein said lens magnifies said object.

150. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 wherein said base member further comprises a passage for allowing light to pass freely through the base member.

151. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 wherein the base member further comprises a translucent or transparent portion for allowing light to pass through the base member to backlight the object.

152. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 further comprising a means for attaching the base member to a switch matrix.

153. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 wherein the object is a label.

154. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 further comprising a lens for covering the label.

155. (new) The apparatus of claim 154 wherein said base member comprises a hollow passage for allowing light to freely pass through the base member and a translucent or transparent portion for allowing light to pass through the base member.

156. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 further comprising a means for diffusing the light from the first plurality of individual light sources.

157. (new) The apparatus of claim 85 wherein said base member is movable to a depressed position to thereby activate a switch.

158. (new) The apparatus of claim 157 wherein said base member is restored from the depressed position via a resilient member.

159. (new) A button assembly for actuating an electrical switch, said button assembly comprising:

a lens, said lens being composed of a transparent material, said lens further comprising a bottom surface;

a base, said base comprising a top surface and a bottom surface, said top surface comprising a recessed portion adapted to receive the bottom surface of the lens; and

a first means for releasably coupling the lens and base together.

160. (new) A switch matrix for use in a keypad, said switch matrix comprising:

a support frame; and

at least one key positioning member disposed on said support frame, said at least one key positioning member comprising a first cantilever and key attaching means for removably attaching a key to said key positioning member;

wherein keys of different sizes and shapes may be attached to said switch matrix.

161. (new) A switch matrix for use in a keypad, said switch matrix comprising:

a plurality of key positioning members, each of said plurality of key positioning members comprising a knob; and

at least one key having an opening defined by a sidewall, said opening configured to receive said knob to removably attach said at least one key to said knob with a friction fit;

wherein said at least one key may be attached to any of said plurality of key positioning members such that a configuration of said at least one key on said keypad may be varied.